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In re Application of
Jayarama K. Shetty et al.
Application No. 10/026,288
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 15, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is Granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner in reply to the non-final Office action mailed May 29, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 30, 2003.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 are available only if asked for "prior to or with the response." In no case, however, may an applicant respond later than the maximum time period set by statute. Accordingly, if the question of abandonment arises when the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 can no longer be used, then the application is abandoned when the extended time for response expired. Therefore, no extension fees are due on a petition for revival. In view thereof, the extension of time fee submitted with the petition is unnecessary and will be refunded to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1651 for further processing.

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